Gwalior-Jaipur Express

†1397. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concerned State Government have urged upon Government several times to start Gwalior-Jaipur Express train;

(b) if so, whether the same suggestion has been forwarded again recently on June 29, 2005;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the proposal, so far; and

(d) by when this express train is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Some representations have been received for introduction of train between Gwalior and Jaipur. The matter has been examined but it has not been found feasible due to operational constraints.

Change in the time schedule of Kaifiyat Express

†1398. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not enforcing the proposed changes in the time schedule of 4025/4026 Kaifiyat Express since 1st July, 2005;

(b) whether his ministry has fixed the time-table of the said train keeping in mind that it reaches New Delhi around seven O' clock in the morning even after its proposed halts in Barabanki, Ayodhya and Akbarpur;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the proposal; and

(d) if not, by when the said proposal for change in schedule alongwith halt point, would be implemented?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The suggestion for modifying the timings of 4025/4026 Delhi-Azamgarh Kaifiat Express was received after the time table was finalised for publishing. Its rescheduling has been subsequently examined but not found feasible due to operational constraints. Its stoppage at Ayodhya has been provided with effect from 25.10.2003 but its stoppage at Barabanki and Akbarpur have not been found justified at present.

Irregularities and corruption in Northeast Frontier Railway

1399. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serious irregularities and prevalence of rampant corruption in Northeast Frontier Railways has been brought to the notice of Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government and CVC have not taken any cognizance of the complaints in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the life of complainant is in danger from Railways authorities/contractors, etc. since he has disclosed irregularities/corruption; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to get the complaints investigated and to take steps to protect life of the complainant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. The irregularities pertain to execution of contract agreements in Eklakhi-Balurghat New Line Construction Project on Northeast Frontier Railway.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.